

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 64-77 are currently pending in this application. Claims 70-77 were added in the Preliminary Amendment filed April 22, 2009. Claims 64-77 have been amended and support for can be found in the claims and specification as originally filed, including at page 28 lines 11-16.

With respect to all claims, Applicants have not dedicated, disclaimed, or abandoned any unclaimed subject matter and moreover have not acquiesced to any rejections and/or objections made by the Patent Office. Applicants reserve the right to pursue prosecution of any presently excluded claim embodiments in future continuation and/or divisional applications.

Statement of Related Applications

Applicants ask the Examiner to consider the following cases which are related to the above application:

U.S. Patent No. 7,183,076 issued on February 27, 2007

Application Serial No. 11/537,195 filed September 29, 2006

Application Serial No. 11/536,951 filed September 29, 2006

Application Serial No. 11/608,673 filed December 8, 2006

Application Serial No. 09/373,403 filed August 12, 1999

Application Serial No. 11/536,439 filed September 28, 2006.

References related to the above-identified applications are cited in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed herewith. Applicants request that the Office consider each of these related references with respect to the above application.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments, Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for immediate allowance and respectfully request that the case be passed to issue.

Please charge any fees that might become applicable, including any fees for extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4634, referencing Attorney's Docket No. GNE-0215.006 US R2C1(123851-181381).

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